

**SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR ON-LINE, REAL-TIME
INVENTORY DISPLAY, MONITORING, AND CONTROL**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Systems and methods are disclosed which allow on-line, real-time monitoring and control of inventory information. Inventory may be monitored through a web page or other database interface, thereby giving access to precise inventory information. Inventory information may be adjusted at various times throughout the receiving/order fulfillment/shipping process. Access to information stored in a database may be controlled on a user-by-user basis. By providing accurate, real-time inventory information to on-line customers, the present invention may improve customer service, give customers reasonable expectations, and help companies automate many of their shipping and receiving functions.